## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA Norfolk Division

SYMBOLOGY INNOVATIONS, LLC

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 2:17-cv-00085-AWA-RJK

MARS, INCORPORATED

Defendant.

## JOINT MOTION TO DENY DEFENDANT MARS, INCORPORATED'S MOTION TO DISMISS (D.E. 11) AS MOOT, AND TO SET DATE TO ANSWER, OR OTHERWISE RESPOND, TO PLAINTIFF'S FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Symbology Innovations, LLC's ("Symbology") filed its Original Complaint against Defendant Mars, Incorporated ("Mars") on January 3, 2017. On April 6, 2017, Mars moved to dismiss in part the Original Complaint for failure to state a claim pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6) (D.E. 11) ("Mars's Motion"). On April 20, 2017, Symbology filed its Opposition to Mars's Motion, together with a First Amended Complaint ("FAC") under Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(1)(B). In its Opposition, Symbology argued that the FAC rendered Mars's Motion moot. (D.E. 13 at 3). Although Mars disagrees with the substance of the allegations in the FAC, it agrees that Symbology's filing of the FAC moots Mars's Motion. (D.E. 11). Therefore, to conserve the Court's resources, the parties jointly ask: (1) that the Court deny Mars's Motion (D.E. 11) as moot; and (2) that the Court set May 19, 2017 as the date for Mars to answer, or otherwise respond, to Symbology's FAC. A proposed order and waiver of hearing are submitted herewith.

Dated: May 1, 2017 By: /s/Mary D. Hallerman

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